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In re Application of	:	
Harrison G. Purvis, Lonnie E. Arnold, Jr. and	:	
Tony R. Matthews	:	DECISION NOTING JOINDER OF
Application No. 09/703,277	:	INVENTOR AND PETITION
Filed: October 31, 2000	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a) MOOT
Attorney Docket No. 24104A	:	

This is in response to the "Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)," filed September 14, 2001. The petition was recently forwarded to this office for review.

On January 9, 2006, petitioner submitted a Declaration executed by the previously non-signing inventor, Tony R. Matthews, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63. Therefore, in view of the joinder of the inventors, further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is not necessary and the petition is considered moot. This application does not require Rule 1.47(a) status, and no such status should appear on the file wrapper. This application need not be returned to this Office for further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

The file is being returned to Technology Center 3600 for further examination *in due course*.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3228.

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